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Comprehensive Pension Reform

On January 25, the Chula Vista City Council ratified the last of five labor union agreements to complete its goal of comprehensive pension reform for all City employees. The Council voted to accept the Chula Vista Police Officers' Association's (CVPOA) agreement. With all City employees now participating in the re-structured pension program, the contributions will generate over \$6.1 million in annual taxpayer savings. All labor unions have also agreed to a second tier CalPERS retirement and health plan for new hires. Chula Vista is the first city in San Diego County to accomplish such comprehensive reform with all represented and non-represented employees.

"I believed comprehensive pension reform was imperative to the success of this organization's financial future. On Oct. 5, 2010, we decided it was time to tackle this pressing issue. I am very pleased and proud we have been able to reduce the impacts of essential city services while creating a long-term sustainable financial solution that will benefit our community for years to come," said City Manager, Jim Sandoval.

Find all five memorandum of understanding (MOU) agreements at www.chulavistaca.gov under "Featured Focus".

With all five unions agreeing to pension concessions, the total number of positions to be eliminated from the FY 2011-2012 budget is now 98. Fifty of these positions are directly attributed to the loss of the revenues associated with the defeat of Prop H, the Telecommunications User's Tax (TUT).



The City's new biodiesel tank has been featured in recent publications including a national fleet magazine, US Department of Energy, and the US State Department as an example of local government efforts to be "green & clean!" Using Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant funds (part of the federal stimulus package), Chula Vista recently installed a 12,000-gallon biodiesel tank at its Corp

Yard. The new tank has allowed over 125 heavy-duty City vehicles such as fire engines, dump trucks, and excavators to transition to the cleaner alternative fuel source.

In addition, the biodiesel fuel is derived from locally collected restaurant grease, thus turning a waste product into a valuable resource.

Higher Rebates for Efficient Appliances



Chula Vista has increased its rebate amounts up to \$200 for energy-saving appliances purchased at participating local retailers. The new appliances must be installed at a Chula Vista address and replace an existing appliance which is properly disposed through a certified recycler. The City's Appliance Exchange Rebate Program, which is funded through the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act, is implemented in partnership with the Chula Vista Chamber of Commerce.

Participating local appliance stores include: Best Buy (Otay Ranch Town Center or South Bay Marketplace), K-Mart (Rancho del Rey), Pacific Sales (Eastlake Design Center), Sears (Chula Vista Center), and The Home Depot (Rancho del Rey or EastLake Terraces).

For more information about available rebates and a list of qualifying appliances, please visit www.chulavistaca.gov/clean or call (619) 409-3893. Rebates are limited, so act now!

Did You Know...

City Paves the Way

Chula Vista "paves" the way in recycling effort by being the first in California to utilize asphalt roof shingles in a street paving demonstration. City streets are normally paved with Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) that consists of crushed aggregate (crushed stone, gravel, and sand). About 95 percent of the total weight of an asphalt pavement is aggregates. The remaining five percent is asphalt cement, the black liquid that acts as the glue to hold the pavement together.

In the demonstration street, five percent of recycled asphalt shingles (RAS) were added to the HMA. Although RAS has been used in other states, this was the first street in California to utilize RAS. This effort was featured in the California Asphalt magazine, which can be seen HERE.

New Park Reservation Procedure

New procedures for reserving City parks are now in effect. All park reservations must be made online at

www.chulavistaca.gov under "I want to" then click "reserve".

Please be aware that for any large event with over 100 people (wedding, reunion, etc.), a "Special Event Application" with a non-refundable fee of \$150 is required. The application is required 45 days prior to the event and can be found at **www.chulavistaca.gov**. For additional information on Special Event applications, please call (619) 691-5296.



Upcoming Events Chula Vista

Ten Decades of Memories, Moments & Milestones March 7 & 8 at 7 p.m.

Kick off the Centennial with a concert at the new Performing Arts Center at Chula Vista High School. Produced and performed by local professionals and schools, including Southwestern College. Music from salsa to swing and barbershop to hip hop! Limited seating; buy now. Tickets are \$10. To purchase, call (619) 585-5690 or go to www.chulavista100.com.

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